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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,4,5,8-12,15,16,19-23,26,27 and 30-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4,5,8-12,15,16,19,22,23,26,27,30 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 20,21,31 and 32 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities: the "function information" of line 2 of claim 9 appears to be referring to the function information of claim 8. Applicant could consider adding a "the" or "said" before the "function information" of claim 9 line 2 to particularly pointing out the "function information" of line 2 of claim 9 is the function information of claim 8.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. Claims 9, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
4. Claim 9 recites the limitation "the function information" in line 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

It is unclear the function information is referring to the function information of line 2 of claim 9 or the function information of line 3 of claim 8.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph because it depends on rejected claim 9.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The change made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

6. Claims 1, 4, 12, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Miyaza (US 5,896,470).

Regarding claim 1: Miyaza teaches an information processing apparatus (digital copy machine, column 70, line 30) which comprises: area size determining means (calculating means that calculates a width/size of the line that constructs magnified characters, column 72, lines 29-32) for determining a size (width of a line of a magnified characters, column 72, line 15, e.g., fig. 91a) of a document output area (the magnified characters are to be outputted to an area of a print sheet, column 72, lines 43-48; therefore, the size of the magnified characters are the document output area) when document data (e.g., characters and image data, column 72, lines 23-25, 50, fig. 91a, that is to be printed) is outputted to an output apparatus (output means, column 72,

lines 38-42) based on layout information (the size of the characters, e.g., sized of the magnified characters, column 71, lines 35-45, and the different shape and position of characters, e.g., 50, fig. 91a); information memory means (main memory, column 70, lines 50-55) for storing a plurality of size information (the values of the highest and lowest limits, column 70, lines 54-56) having a relation between a size of a document output area (the highest and the lowest limit determine the range of the size of the magnified characters to be outputted, column 71, lines 46-53) and the size of each of the plural kinds of objects (characters, fig. 91a, the highest and lowest limits determine the actual size of the character that is to be outputted; e.g., outputting the size of the magnified characters when the magnified characters are within the limits or outputting the size of the corrected characters when the magnified characters are outside the limits, column 71, lines 39-55) included in the document data (document data outputted, column 72, lines 23-25 includes actual sized of the character), wherein the plural kinds of objects include characters (e.g., alphabetical characters, column 75, lines 20-25) and objects other than characters (e.g., a line of a component part of a characters, column 75, lines 35-40); object size determining means (the circuit or program step S40 of fig. 90 that determines the actual size of the character to be outputted, e.g., outputting the size of the magnified character or the size of the corrected character, column 71, lines 39-55) for determining a size of each of the plural kinds of objects (the actual size of characters to be printed, e.g., characters 62, or 63, column 71, lines 35-55) based on the size (e.g., the size of the magnified characters, column 71, lines 35-40, and column 71, lines 45-55) determined by the area size determining means and the size

information (the values of the highest and lowest limits, column 70, lines 54-56) stored in the information memory means; size changing means (the circuit or program step S43 of fig. 90) for changing (correction, column 71, lines 50-55) the size (column 71, lines 50-51) of the size of each of the plural kinds of objects (characters) based on each size (e.g., the size of the character is determined to be the size of the predetermined range, column 71, line 50-52) determined by the object size determining means (no of S40, fig. 90) respectively; and control means (compositing means, column 72, lines 20-25, lines 36-38) for outputting each of the plural kinds of objects whose size has been changed by the size changing means to the output apparatus (column 72, lines 20-25).

Regarding claim 4: Miyaza teaches wherein the size information of each of the plural kinds of objects comprises function information, (since the actual size of the character (before correction) that is to be outputted is a function of magnification rate, column 71, line 8, and the size of the character that is to be magnified by the magnification rate; (inherent properties of magnifying a character by a magnification rate); the highest and the lowest limits, column 70, lines 45-56, are limits for the function of the actual size of the character that is to be outputted) which is different for each of the plural kinds of objects (fig. 91 a shows 8 different characters i.e., the size of each character or component that is to be magnified are different and the functions are different).

Regarding claim 12: Miyaza teaches an information processing method comprises: an area size determining step (calculating a width/size of the line that constructs a magnified character, column 72, lines 29-32) of determining a size (width of

line, column 72, line 15) of a document output area (the magnified character is to be outputted to an area of a print sheet, column 72, lines 43-48) when document data (e.g., the characters and image data, column 72, lines 23-25, 50, fig. 91a that is to be printed) is outputted to an output apparatus (output means, column 72, lines 38-42) based on layout information (the size of the character, e.g., sized of the magnified character, column 71, lines 35-45, and the different shape and position of characters, e.g., 50, fig. 91a); an object size determining step (S40 of fig. 90 that determines the actual size of the character to be outputted, e.g., outputting the size of the magnified character or the size of the corrected character, column 71, lines 39-55) of determining a size of each of a plural kinds of object (different characters of fig. 91a; the actual size of character to be printed, e.g., character 62, or 63, column 71, lines 35-55) based on size information (the values of the highest and the lowest limits, column 70, lines 54-56) having a relation between a size of a document output area (the highest and the lowest limit determine the range of the size of the magnified character/document output area to be outputted, column 71, lines 46-53) stored in information memory means (the size of the magnified character is to be compared with the limits in the judging means, column 72, lines 14-20; Inherently, when a signal is compared with other signal in a processor, both signals must be stored in a memory/circuit that prevents the signal from disappearing for at least the time that would take the processor to complete the comparing process; therefore, the size of the magnified character/document output area is stored) and a size of each kind of the object of the plural kinds of objects (the highest and lowest limits determine the actual size of the character that is to be outputted; e.g., outputting the

size of the magnified character when the magnified character is within the limits or outputting the size of the corrected character when the magnified character is outside the limits, column 71, lines 39-55) included in the document data (actual character size data is included in the document data, column 72, lines 20-25), the size (the size of the magnified character, column 71, lines 35-40) determined in the area size determining step, wherein the plural kinds of objects include characters (e.g., alphabetical characters, column 75, lines 20-25) and objects other than characters (e.g., a line of a component part of a characters, column 75, lines 35-40); a size changing step (S43, fig., 90, and column 71, lines 45-55) of changing (correction, column 71, lines 50-55) the size (column 71, lines 50-51) of each of the plural kinds of object (characters, fig. 91a) based on each size (e.g., the size is determined to be the predetermined range, column 71, lines 50-52) determined in the object size determining step (no of S40, fig. 90); and an output step (the step of outputting character data from the compositing means to the output means, column 72, lines 20-25; i.e., the character data is first composed by the compositing means and the composed character data is then outputted by the output means; therefore, the composed character data is outputted from the compositing means to the outputting means) of outputting each of the plural kinds of objects whose size has been changed in the changing step to the output apparatus (output means, column 72, line 24).

Regarding claim 15: Miyaza teaches wherein the size information of each of the plural kinds of object comprise function information (since the actual size of the character that is to be outputted is a function of magnification rate, column 71, line 8,

and the size of the character that is to be magnified by the magnification rate; (inherent properties of magnifying a character by a magnification rate); the highest and the lowest limits, column 70, lines 45-56, are limits for the function of the actual size of the character that is to be outputted), which is different for each of the plural kinds of objects (column 71, lines 39-55, fig. 91 a shows 8 different characters i.e., the size of each character or component that is to be magnified are different and the functions are different).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 23, 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyaza (US 5,896,470).

Regarding claims 23, 26: Miyaza teaches an image processing CPU (column 70, lines 30-35) performs function steps, as discussed in claims 12, 15 using embodiment 41.

Miyaza, in embodiment 41, does not teach a memory medium which stores a computer readable program to control the CPU.

However, Miyaza, in embodiment 30 teaches a memory medium (ROM 102, column 52, lines 40-45) which stores a computer readable program (column 52, line 42) for controlling a CPU. (CPU 101, column 52, lines 40-43)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Miyaza' CPU to include: a memory medium which stores a computer readable program to control the CPU for performing processing steps.

It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the CPU of Miyaza because of the following reasons: (a) using a computer program for controlling a CPU would have reduced the price of the CPU because it would reduce all the additional hardware that is required for the CPU to performing all the functions; it would also have allowed the same type of CPU to be programmed differently to perform different functions; and (b) using a memory for storing the program would have prevented the program from being lost such that the program can be used over and over again to control the CPU.

9. Claims 5, 8, 11, 16, 19, 22, 27, 30, 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyaza (US 5,896,470) in view of Aoyama (US 5,136,399).

Regarding claim 5: Miyaza teaches an information processing apparatus (digital copying machine, column 70, line 30) which comprises: layout information memory means (main memory 73, column 71, lines 10-15) for storing layout information (e.g., the position of where the image of the document is to be placed, fig. 91a, the shape of

the character, fig. 91a, are in the image data stored in the main memory) when document data (image data, column 71, lines 10-15, e.g., characters 50, fig. 91a) is outputted to an output apparatus (output means, column 72, line 24; the image data is reproduced and outputted to the output means, column 72, lines 20-25); a display screen (41, fig. 4, column 8, lines 65-66) for displaying; and associating means (magnifying means, column 72, lines 12-13, and judging means, column 72, lines 20-21) for associating document objects (characters 62 or 63, column 71, lines 45-55, fig. 91a) with one of a plurality of size information (values of the highest and lowest limits, column 70, lines 54-56) having a relation between a size of a document output area (the highest and the lowest limit determine the range of the size of the magnified character to be outputted, column 71, lines 46-53; the size of the magnified character is the size of a document output area) and a size of the object (the size of the magnified character, column 71, lines 45-55; the highest and lowest limits determine the actual size of the character that is to be outputted; e.g., outputting the size of the magnified character when the magnified character is within the limits or outputting the size of the corrected character when the magnified character is outside the limits, column 71, lines 39-55; the size of the object is the actual print size of the character when the document is printed) when the document data is outputted (image data of the document is reproduced and outputted from compositing means, column 72, lines 21-25, to the output means) to the output apparatus (output means, column 72, lines 24) based on the layout information (e.g., the position of where the image of the document is to be placed, fig. 91a, the shape of the character, fig. 91a), wherein the objects include characters (e.g.,

alphabetical characters, column 75, lines 20-25) and objects other than characters (e.g., a line of a component part of a characters, column 75, lines 35-40).

Miyaza does not teach display control means for displaying the two or more objects included in the document on the display screen.

Aoyama, in the same area of copying document using a copier (column 4, line 30), teaches display control means (21, fig. 2) for displaying two or more objects (e.g., circle graph 30, column 7, lines 43-45; document image, column 7, lines 29-40) included in the document on a display screen (display unit 22, column 7, line 32).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the display of Miyaza to include: display control means for displaying the two or more objects included in the document on the display screen.

It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the display of Miyaza by the teaching of Aoyama because of the following reasons: (a) using a display controller to control a display would have allowed other controllers, such as the image processing controller 74, of fig. 5, Miyaza, of the copier, to perform image processing function without having to control the display; it would have increased the processing speed of the copier to increase productivity; and (b) displaying the document objects would have allowed users to view the objects first before printing and thereby reduces copying error such as copying the wrong document or a part of the object is not being copied.

Note: the document object is being displayed after the modification by Aoyama.

In other word, the document object is the same object that is being displayed.

Therefore, the size information that is associated with the document object is also associated with the displayed object.

Regarding claim 8: Miyaza teaches wherein the size information associated with each of the two or more kinds of objects is function information (since the actual size of the character that is to be outputted is a function of magnification rate, column 71, line 8, and the size of the character that is to be magnified by the magnification rate; (inherent properties of magnifying a character by a magnification rate); the highest and the lowest limits, column 70, lines 45-56, are limits for the function of the actual size of the character that is to be outputted), which is different for each of the two or more kinds of objects (column 71, lines 45-55, corrections on size based on each characters; i.e., the size of each character or component that is to be magnified are different and the functions are different).

Regarding claim 11: Miyaza teaches the information processing apparatus further comprising output means (column 72, lines 24-25) for outputting the two or more kinds of objects included in the document data based on the size information associated with each of the two or more kinds of objects. (Column 71, lines 35-55)

Regarding claim 16: Miyaza teaches an information processing method that comprises: a memory step of storing layout information (image data stored in the main memory, column 71, lines 10-15, the image data give enough data such that an image, such as ABC, fig. 91a would be reproduced; the image A, as an example, has its own

layout information such as the position of the letter A is before letter B and C and the letter A has a unique shape; therefore, image data has layout information) in layout memory means, when document data (image data, column 71, lines 10-15, e.g., characters 50 fig. 91a) is outputted to an output apparatus (output means, column 72, line 24; the image data is reproduced and outputted to the output means, column 72, lines 20-25); a display screen (41, fig. 4, column 8, lines 65-66) for displaying; and an associating step of (magnifying means, column 72, lines 12-13, and judging means, column 72, lines 20-21 associates an object with two size limits such that the object being printed is within the size limits, column 71, lines 24-55) associating each document objects (character 62 or 63, column 71, lines 45-55, fig. 91a) with size information (values of the highest and lowest limits, column 70, lines 54-56) having a relation between a size of a document output area (the highest and the lowest limit determine the range of the size of the magnified character to be outputted, column 71, lines 46-53; the size of the magnified character is the size of a document output area) and the size of the object (the size of the magnified character, column 71, lines 45-55; the highest and lowest limits determine the actual size of the character that is to be outputted; e.g., outputting the size of the magnified character when the magnified character is within the limits or outputting the size of the corrected character when the magnified character is outside the limits, column 71, lines 39-55; the size of the object is the actual print size of the character when the document is printed) when the document data is outputted (image data of the document is reproduced and outputted from compositing means, column 72, lines 21-25, to the output means) to the output

apparatus (output means, column 72, lines 24) based on the layout information (e.g., the position of where the image of the document is to be placed, fig. 91a, the shape of the character, fig. 91a), wherein the plural kinds of objects include characters (e.g., alphabetical characters, column 75, lines 20-25) and objects other than characters (e.g., a line of a component part of a characters, column 75, lines 35-40).

Miyaza does not teach display control means for displaying the two or more objects included in the document on the display screen.

Aoyama, in the same area of copying document using a copier (column 4, line 30), teaches display control means (21, fig. 2) for displaying two or more objects (e.g., circle graph 30, column 7, lines 43-45; document image, column 7, lines 29-40) included in the document on a display screen. (Display unit 22, column 7, line 32)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the display of Miyaza to include: display control means for displaying the two or more objects included in the document on the display screen.

It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the display of Miyaza by the teaching of Aoyama because of the following reasons: (a) using a display controller to control a display would have allowed other controllers, such as the image processing controller 74, of fig. 5, Miyaza, of the copier, to perform image processing function without having to control the display; it would have increased the processing speed of the copier to increase productivity; and (b) displaying the document objects would have allowed

users to view the objects first before printing and thereby reduces copying error such as copying the wrong document or a part of the object is not being copied.

Note: the document object is being displayed after the modification. In other word, the document object is the same object that is being displayed. Therefore, the size information that is also associated with the document object is also associated with the displayed object.

Regarding claim 19: Miyaza teaches wherein the size information associated with each of the two or more kinds of objects is function information (since the actual size of the character that is to be outputted is a function of magnification rate, column 71, line 8, and the size of the character that is to be magnified by the magnification rate; (inherent properties of magnifying a character by a magnification rate); the highest and the lowest limits, column 70, lines 45-56, are limits for the function of the actual size of the character that is to be outputted), which is different for each of the two or more kinds of objects (column 71, lines 45-55, corrections on size based on each characters, i.e., the size of each character or component that is to be magnified are different and the functions are different).

Regarding claim 22: Miyaza teaches the information processing apparatus further comprising output means (column 72, lines 24-25) for outputting the two or more kinds of objects included in the document data based on the size information associated with each of the two or more kinds of objects. (Column 71, lines 35-55)

Regarding claims 27, 30, 33: Miyaza teaches a CPU (column 70, lines 30-35) which performs function steps, as discussed in claims 16, 19, 22 using embodiment 41.

Miyaza, in embodiment 41, does not teach a memory medium which stores a computer readable program to control the CPU.

However, Miyaza, in embodiment 30 teaches a memory medium (ROM 102, column 52, lines 40-45) which stores a computer readable program (column 52, line 42) for controlling a CPU. (CPU 101, column 52, lines 40-43)

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Miyaza/Aoyama's CPU to include: a memory medium which stores a computer readable program to control the CPU for performing processing steps.

It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the CPU of Miyaza/Aoyama because of the following reasons: (a) using a computer program for controlling a CPU would have reduced the price of the CPU because it would reduce all the additional hardware that is required for the CPU to performing all the functions; it would also have allowed the same type of CPU to be programmed differently to perform different functions; and (b) using a memory for storing the program would have prevented the program from being lost such that the program can be used over and over again to control the CPU.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments filed on 5/4/2004 and 5/26/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

With respect to applicant's argument that because the component objects are part of a character, the component part is not an object other than characters; has been considered.

In reply: Just because the component part belongs to a character does not mean that the component part is the character. For example, a Honda civic is an object - car. A steering wheel or a tire of the Honda Civic is a component of the Honda Civic but neither the wheel nor the tire is an object - car.

Moreover, Miyaza, columns 10-25, clearly points out the difference of a character and parts of a character. Clearly, a person with ordinary skill in the art, reading (for example) "component part" of column 75 lines 14-15 would know this object "component part" is not referring to the object "character" of column 75, line 37. The object "component part", in Miyaza, is not the object "character" and vice versa. Therefore, Miyaza teaches "character" object and "non character" object.

Allowable Subject Matter

11. Claims 20, 21, 31, 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

12. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to King Y. Poon whose telephone number is 571-272-7440. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore can be reached on 571-272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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July 26, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "King Y. Poon".

**KING Y. POON
PRIMARY EXAMINER**